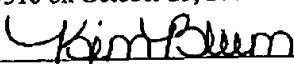


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before October 23, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.